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DMB sells former Michigan School for the Blind

LANSING – The Department of Management and Budget (DMB), the City of Lansing, and the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy today completed the sale of the former Michigan School for the Blind. The 34-acre parcel, which is located on West Willow Street near Martin Luther King Boulevard, was purchased by the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy for \$960,000, with a simultaneous sale from the Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy to the Lansing Housing Commission (LHC) for most of the property.

“Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Mayor Virg Bernero, and legislation sponsored by Representative Michael Murphy have enabled surplus state property to create new housing for Lansing, provide construction-related jobs, return property to the tax rolls, and provide a permanent home for the academy,” said DMB Director Lisa Webb Sharpe, “This partnership highlights economic development at its best.”

Since 1996, the academy occupied the former School for the Blind, one of 19 buildings on the land. It has retained about 8.5 acres with the remaining land conveyed to LHC for construction of up to 100 new housing units. The vacant Old Main Administration building on the academy’s campus would be the new home to 50 units of senior housing and 50 units of single-family housing.

Proceeds from the sale go to support Camp Tuhsmeheeta, a camp for blind children in Greenville, Mich., and the National Federation of the Blind newsline program.

Since 2003, DMB has sold \$37.4 million of state surplus property to spur local economic development efforts. For information on other state surplus property available through the State of Michigan, please visit the state’s Web site at www.michigan.gov/land-sales.

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